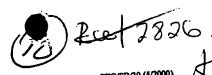
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REQUEST **FOR** CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection of Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 57 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish Note:

37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114				
a. Previously Submitted i. Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. §1 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above wi ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply iii. Other 1	116 previously file Il be entered). Brief previously f	iled on		
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2. Miscellaneous				
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested intest that a suspension of action on the above-identified application is required in a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)				
3. FEES The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is fried. a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge ANY ADDITIONAL fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0002 i. ERRCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. Other b. Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)				
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